

Claims 132-136. Claims 94, 101-102, 104-105, 112-113, 127-129, 137, 140, 142 and 145-170 are withdrawn from this application and this application only. Therefore, Claims 103, 106-111, 114-126, 130-136, 138-139, 141 and 144 remain in the present application. Applicant reserves its right to pursue the withdrawn claims in a divisional and/or continuation application.

Applicant submits that the claims of Group VII and Group X should be combined with the claims of Group IV. Applicant submits that the claims of Group VII, namely Claims 125-126 and 133-136 relate to a method of treating a patient for mobilizing stem cells from the bone marrow in a human into the circulation system. Applicant submits that stem cells are encompassed by the term "hematopoietic cells" (please see page 9, lines 1-5 of the present application). As well, Applicant submits that the claims of Group X, namely Claims 132-136 relate to a method of increasing the level of red cells in the blood of a patient. Furthermore, Applicant submits that red cells or erythrocytes are also encompassed by the term "hematopoietic cells" (please see page 4, lines 29-31 of the present application). Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims of Group IV, Group VII and Group X should be combined as a single group.

Applicant has amended the dependencies of Claims 106, 107, 108, 114, 115, 133 and 143 accordingly.

If the Examiner has any questions, she is respectfully requested to contact

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Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

1. Requisition for 1 Month Extension of Time
2. Check for \$110.00 U.S.